

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 1-14 and 19-23 (Group I) are distinct from claims 15-18 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-14 and 19-23 (Group I).

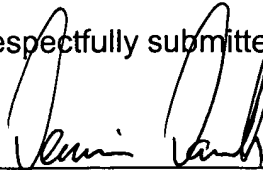
In view of the election of claims 1-14 and 19-23 (Group 1), claims 15-18 have been withdrawn from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 15-18 prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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